

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING
OPEN SESSION
September 9, 2013**

The Open Session of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:45 a.m. on the above date in Room 401, Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

David Becker

Diane Blier

Jessica Brier

Linda Damon

Marie Jean

Peggy Matteson

Adele Palazzo

Maria Pezzillo

Manuela Raposo

Anne Tierney

Linda Twardowski

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Michelle Cahill

Carol Cairns

Kristen Young

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Donna Costantino, Chief of Health Professionals Regulation

Donna Valletta, Board Administrator

Andelys Liranzo, Case Manager

Dan Ballirano, Legal Counsel

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Eleanor Clapprood, RISNA

Patty Delucia, Lincoln Technical Institute

Chris Godbois, RISNA

Linda McDonald, UNAP

Donna M. Policastro, RISNA, ANA

Ruth Ricciarelli, HARI

Marla Riley, SNARI

Ann-Marie Simard, Lincoln Technical Institute

BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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1. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

President Peggy Matteson called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. A

quorum was established at this time.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF July 8, 2013

President Matteson presented the Minutes of the Open Session of July 8, 2013. On motion of Anne Tierney, seconded by Jessica Brier, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Matteson informed the members the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Annual Meeting that took place in Providence from August 13 to 16, 2013 was a success! Participants were very pleased with the information received as well as the presentations. NCSBN honored Rhode Island and the Board with a picture and plaque for display within the Department.

President Matteson and David Becker informed the board members that he will be resigning from the board and today's meeting would be his last meeting. Mr. Becker has been the representative to the Board from diploma education and he no longer works in that capacity. He been a contributing participant on the board and will be missed.

4. BUSINESS

David Becker explained the three national accrediting bodies for nursing education programs CCNE, ACEN, and NLNAC

David Becker advised that New England Institute of Technology

(NEIT) nursing student body is growing rapidly and the program has strengthened. Mr. Becker informed the members of an upcoming accreditation visit at New England Institute of Technology on October 16 and 17, 2013.

Dr. James McDonald shared ideas on how the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (BMLD) can collaborate with the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education and will create a subcommittee for continued interaction.

Ann Marie Simard, MSN, RN, Dean of Nursing at the Lincoln Technical Institute (LTI) announced that 8 students completed the program. She informed the school's request to decrease the length of the current Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) curriculum and to continue to enroll students, of which the Board has granted permission. Representatives from the Board will conduct a site visit, however, a date has not yet been confirmed. LTI is preparing for ACSN accreditation consideration in March 2014

President Matteson requested that Board members interested in serving on a sub-committee to address (1) development of the new rules and regulations, (2) nursing education considerations, and (3) exploration of a formalized skills remedial process.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Policastro, Executive Director of the RI State Nurses

Association (RISNA), announced the following:

- Governor Lincoln Chafee signed the statute regarding Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. In response to this announcement, President Matteson stated that the Board will create a subcommittee to initiate the work of moving the expectations of the Statute into Rules and Regulations.**

- On September 21, 2013, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, RISNA will be providing a free seminar entitled, Legislation 101, at the Rhode Island State to educate the public on laws.**

- Ms. Policastro expressed concerns regarding school bus drivers providing medical assistance to those children on the bus in the midst of an emergency and requiring immediate attention. There was a discussion whether bus drivers should be trained to address these issues.**

Linda Twardowski informed the BON that the 2007 legal decision to ban unlicensed school staff to administer insulin in California schools was overturned by the California Supreme court in mid August. As a result "trained" school personnel will be allowed to give insulin to students if

the student's doctor delegates it. The courts argued that allowing unlicensed staff to give insulin did not violate the Nurse Practice Act as long as the staff was not using the title of "licensed nurse".

6.

Pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

A motion was made by Jessica Brier and seconded by Anne Tierney to go into Executive Session. Decision was unanimous.

Board returned to Open Session at 1:00 pm and voted to seal minutes of the Executive Session pursuant to section 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws for the presentation of final actions.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 1:05 pm.